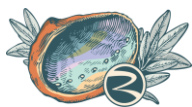# Tribal Nature-Based Solutions Draft Grant Guidelines

Frequently Asked Questions

Detailed explanations of the Tribal Nature-Based Solutions draft grant guidelines and the application process, materials required, and definitions can be found in the complete draft grant guidelines document found at https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/tribalaffairs.

- **What is the Tribal Nature-Based Solutions Grant?**
  - This program is a competitive grant program to support California Native American tribes located within the State in advancing multi-benefit nature-based solutions projects.

- **Who can apply for the grant?**
  - Eligible applicants include federally recognized California Native American tribes or non-federally recognized California Native American tribes located in California.
    - Applications can be submitted on behalf of inter-tribal consortium, collaboratives, or partnerships, but the primary applicant must be a California Native American tribe.
  - Non-tribal government entities may support California Native American tribes in applying for program and may serve as the primary applicant, but the application must show a California Native American tribe is actively partnering with and supporting the application through a signed letter or resolution from the Chairperson of the tribe and describe how the project will serve the supporting tribe and community.

- **How does the application process work?**
  - There are 4 steps:
    1. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit a Preliminary Project Proposal.
    2. Upon review, competitive proposals will be invited to submit a full Project Proposal.
    3. On a case-by-case basis, visits, presentations and other supporting documents may be requested from applicants.
    4. Finally, there will be final call for any supplemental or additional information before grant evaluation and award decisions.

- **How much can a grant request?**
  - The minimum award amount is $200,000.

- **What types of projects qualify for this grant?**
    - Eligible projects will focus on the following categories:
        - Planning for multi-benefit nature-based solutions projects
        - Implementation of multi-benefit nature-based solutions projects
        - Return of ancestral lands for the purpose of advancing multi-benefit nature-based solutions projects.

- **What documents does the preliminary grant proposal require?**
    - All project types will require Project Proposal Form, Project Summary, Project Questions, and Location Map. Template/instructions can be found in the Tribal Nature-Based Solutions draft grant guidelines document.
    - Please note that qualifying/final proposals will be asked to submit additional supporting documentation. More detailed information can be found at in the draft grant guidelines.

- **How will the grant be evaluated and scored?**
    - Information provided in the proposal will be evaluated on how effectively the proposed project meets statutory requirements, funding priorities, and program objectives. Scores for each section will be totaled, and project proposals will a score of 100 or 150 points possible (depending on project type.)
    - Please note that to achieve equitable distribution of funds, the State may consider additional factors including, but not limited to geographic distribution of funds, previous grant performance, and feasibility to accept partial funding.

- **What is the application timeline?**
    - Grant application rounds will be open on a quarterly basis, until there are no funds available.

- **Where can I submit the grant?**
    - Preliminary Project Proposals should be submitted by email or mail. Email submissions are preferred.
    - Where possible, all documents for full Project Proposals should be submitted online. Projects applications may be submitted by email or mail. Online and email submissions are preferred.
        > tribalaffairs@resources.ca.gov
        > or
        > California Natural Resources Agency
        > Attn: Tribal Nature-Based Solutions
        > 715 P Street, 20th Floor
        > Sacramento, CA 95814

- **Can I still apply if I don't have access to the internet?**
  - If you have barriers to accessing the internet, mail submissions are available at:

    California Natural Resources Agency
    Attn: Tribal Nature-Based Solutions
    715 P Street, 20th Floor
    Sacramento, CA 95814

- **Where can I get assistance in filling out the grant?**
  - The California Natural Resources Agency will conduct online workshops for technical assistance for applying for this program.
  - A list of workshop dates and times can be found on the California Natural Resources Agency website at https://resources.ca.gov/grants.

- **Can one apply for this grant even if they have other funding or plan to apply for other funding resources (ex: federal grants…)?**
  - Yes. In fact, priority will be given to planning projects that already have state or federal funds for some component of the applicant's project.
  - Priority will be given to planning projects that can show which specific state or federal grant program the applicant is planning to apply to, and how state funding will make them a competitive or prepared applicant for that funding.
  - Priority will be given to ancestral land return projects that have partial state, federal, tribal, or other funding for the purchase and maintenance of the property.

- **Is match funding required to be eligible for this grant?**
  - There is no match requirement to participate.